PERSONAL HEALTH SECTION

Personal Health is responsive to community needs and outcomes involving the health of a person or family in the setting of their community. Areas of focus include communicable disease prevention and treatment activities, to early intervention programs like WIC and 1st Steps, promoting healthy growth and development.

Population based services treat the person and community as a whole, improving the quality of life for all. Disease prevention activities remain cornerstone practices in the forefront of public health programs today in the fight against the spread of disease and the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices for all residents.



Outstanding Challenges

Communicable Disease

Meeting increasing demands in response capability, including that needed for pan flu planning, with less funding available each year continues to be a major challenge.

Parent Child Health

Updating computer skills for staff in 2006 was a priority. Many public health programs now require online reporting and data tracking.

2007 Objectives

The Community Health and Preparedness Section will merge the work of Assessment, Public Information, Steps, Emergency Response, and Tobacco to meet the needs of the community for community health, health and fitness, system changes to reduce tobacco use and general emergency preparedness as well as that needed for pandemic flu.

The Communicable Disease, Parent Child Health and Clerical Support Staff have gone through a reorganization and staff will be assessing the agency and community needs for programs and services in 2007.